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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan State Senate  
State Capitol  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
Michigan House of Representatives  
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Section 685 (2) of 2007 Public Act No. 131 requires the department to report to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees with jurisdiction over the department budget, and to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees with jurisdiction over the Department of Community Health (DCH) budget, on the number of applicants for home help services, the number of approved applications, the number of denied applications, the number of pending applications, and the number of applications in which the applicant was eligible for nursing home services.

The attached spreadsheet provides the requested information regarding home help applications and dispositions from October 2006 through February 2008. We do not currently make a determination about nursing home eligibility in our home help program. We do make an assessment regarding the amount and type of care and assistance with activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living that each client needs. This information is used to develop a plan for providing the needed help in the client's home. We plan to work with the Office of Long Term Care Supports and Services at DCH to develop a means to use this assessment data to identify those who would be eligible for nursing home care, but chose home help services instead.

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If you have any questions, please contact John Sorbet, chief administrative officer, at 373-7787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ismael Ahmed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'I'.

Ismael Ahmed

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittee on DCH  
Senate and House Fiscal and Policy Offices  
State Budget Director

<b>Home Help Application and Disposition Summary</b>
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<b>Fiscal Year 2007</b>
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<b>Applications</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>Pending</b>
22,682	13,772	5,468	3,387	55

<b>Fiscal Year 2008 (YTD)</b>
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<b>Applications</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>Pending</b>
9,319	4,696	1,916	1,073	1,165